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SUBJECT: CURRENCY SMUGGLING

1. CAIRO PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF CURRENCY SMUGGLING RING IN EGYPT (CAIRO 0840). PRESS HAS REFERRED TO SMUGGLING OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT FOR AN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY. IN EARLIER REPORTING PRESS HAD MENTIONED THAT AMERICANS ALONG WITH PEOPLE OF SEVERAL OTHER NATIONALITIES WERE INVOLVED.
2. WE HAVE TALKED TO BOTH PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF AMOCO AND WERE INFORMED THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAS PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY OFFICIAL ACCUSATION OF COMPANY PARTICIPATION IN CURRENCY SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES. ACCUSATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, AGAINST CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES OF AMOCO OR EMPLOYEES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY FIRMS AND CONTRACTORS. AMOCO PRESIDENT SAID THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN EGYPT EMPLOYED BY THE OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THEIR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. HE WAS OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT THE WHOLE AFFAIR WOULD BLOW OVER SOON, AND HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ADVERSE REACTIONS ON AMOCO' S OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.
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